

Finance Work Group Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2003
Questions

What is a Special Assessment District?

What is a Sanitary and Improvement District (SID)?

What is the difference between a Special Assessment District and a SID?

Can either be used for financing city owned and maintained infrastructure such as streets, storm sewer, water and wastewater?

When is it appropriate to use Special Assessment Districts or SID's to finance infrastructure?

What are the pros and cons of using Special Assessment Districts and SID's for public infrastructure financing?

What has Omaha's experience been using these financing mechanisms?

What are the risks to a municipality in employing these financing vehicles?

Lincoln has always encouraged contiguous growth and annexation. Does using Special Assessment Districts or SID's conflict with that policy?

Can Special Assessment Districts or SID's work with multiple landowners and different government entities to achieve common development goals?

Do Special Assessment Districts or SID's conflict with school districts, rural fire districts or other governmental subdivisions that have boundaries different than the districts?

Can Tax Increment Financing (TIF) be used for financing public infrastructure such as streets, water and sewer?

What is the Metropolitan Utility District (MUD)? How does it work?